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1. DEPT. RECEIVED THIS MORNING REFS A THROUGH C
WHICH REPORTED LAST WEEK-END'S PRESS COVERAGE OF SUGAR
QUOTA PROBLEM. THIS SORT OF EDITORIAL COMMENT--ESPECIALLY
BY PNC'S "NEW NATION" WHICH HARD TO DISTINGUISH FROM OFFIC-
IAL GOG ATTITUDE--IS PARTICULARLY UNHELPFUL HERE AT A TIME
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WHEN DEPARTMENT AND USDA SINCERELY ATTEMPTING TO EXTRICATE

WEST INDIANS FROM PROBLEM OF THEIR OWN MAKING (NO MATTER HOW EXTENUATING THE CIRCUMSTANCES MAY BE). AS REPORTED REF E, WEST INDIAN DELEGATION STATED TO US ON OCTOBER 18 THAT THEIR RESPECTIVE GOVERNMENTS WERE FULLY AWARE THAT SUGAR QUOTA ISSUE WAS TECHNICAL AND NOT RPT NOT A POLITICAL PROBLEM. THEY CITED THEIR PRESENCE AS PROOF OF THIS ATTITUDE AND OF WEST INDIAN GOVERNMENTS' DESIRE TO HANDLE PROBLEM AT TECHNICAL LEVEL. GUYANESE DELEGATE (FRANK NOEL) WAS QUITE EXPLICIT ON THIS POINT. WE PLAN TO CALL IN AMBASSADOR TALBOT WHEN HE RETURNS TO WASHINGTON ON OCTOBER 29. AT THAT TIME, WE WILL INQUIRE AS TO WHETHER "NEW NATION" EDITORIAL REPRESENTS POSITION HIS GOVERNMENT AND EMPHASIZE THAT SUCH PUBLIC PRONOUNCEMENTS ARE UNHELPFUL TO US AND TO WEST INDIAN INTERESTS RE FUTURE SUGAR LEGISLATION.

2. WITH REGARD TO PARA 5 REF A, FAILURE BY PERU AND BOLIVIA TO NOTIFY USDA OF INTENTION TO FILL QUOTA WAS INDEED CONSIDERED BY US TO BE A "TECHNICAL VIOLATION." BY CONTRAST, NEITHER DEPARTMENT NOR USDA REGARD WEST INDIAN FAILURE TO FILL 1973 QUOTA AS IN ANY SENSE A TECHNICAL VIOLATION. WE BELIEVE THAT THERE IS A SIGNIFICANT QUALITATIVE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN FAILURE TO PROVIDE A STATEMENT OF INTENT ON TIME, (PERU AND BOLIVIA) AND THE FAILURE OF THE WEST INDIES TO PROVIDE ROUGHLY 180,000 TONS OF SUGAR. KISSINGER

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